

HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF WOOD

Berea College Owns Many Acres of Forest and Boasts It Never Cuts Sound Timber.

Berea college, at the foot of the Cumberland mountains, in Kentucky, has the unique distinction of owning two mountains, 4,000 acres of forest, its own sawmill, but never cutting a sound tree, writes Marie Dickore in the American Forestry Magazine. This wood is used for the college, for power, for heat and in the many cozy fireplaces in the dormitories and in the great open fireplace which delights every traveler who stops at Boone tavern.

The sawmill, as well as the 4,000 acres of forest reserve, provides not only ample practical experience for the students, but also actual labor for those students who work for their education. The sawmill is operated by steam, and, like every other industry at Berea college, is run by students, who work at least two consecutive hours per day under the supervision of a superintendent of labor, who in turn is responsible to the dean of labor.

Students at Berea are given the opportunity to earn their expenses, and they may select the work, which is paid for at the regular rates according to the student's ability and efficiency. As every student in the college must work the minimum of two hours per day, suitable occupation must be provided by the dean of labor and in the forestry department the students are very happy patrolling the forest, marking the dead timber, hauling the fallen timber to the sawmill, cutting it there into the required lengths, and then hauling the logs to wherever needed on the campus. No sound timber is cut, as there is enough of the other to supply all needs.

UNEARTH SKELETON OF GIANT

Bones of Supposed Mound Builder Those of Man Eight or Nine Feet High.

Dr. W. J. Holland, curator of the Carnegie museum, Pittsburgh, and his assistant, Dr. Peterson, a few days ago opened up a mound of the ancient race that inhabited this section and secured the skeleton of a man who when in the flesh was between eight and nine feet in height, says a Greensburg (Pa.) dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

This mound, which was originally about 100 feet long and more than 12 feet high, has been somewhat worn down by time. It is on the J. B. Secrist farm in South Huntington township. This farm has been in the Secrist name for more than a century.

The most interesting feature in the recent excavation was the mummified torso of the human body, which the experts figured was laid to rest at least 400 years ago. Portions of the bones dug up and the bones in the legs, Prof. Peterson declares, are those of a person between eight and nine feet in height. The scientist figures that this skeleton was the framework of a person of the prehistoric race that inhabited this section before the American Indians.

The torso and the portions of the big skeleton were shipped to the Carnegie museum. Dr. Holland and Peterson supervised the explorations on the Secrist mound with the greatest of care. The curators believe the man whose skeleton they secured belonged to the mound builder class.

Golf Ball Displayed Sense.

People who don't believe that golf balls have some sense of their own would stand small show just now in an argument with a player on the Romford links, who made a badly-sliced tee shot, which carried the ball across the roadway into the open upstairs window of a house.

When the golfer went to retrieve the ball he found it on the mat of the front door of the house, waiting for him like a good child. After entering the bedroom it had bounded out through the door and rolled downstairs to the mat.

The golfer says if it hadn't had sense it might have gone through a closed window, breaking the glass, and then stuck in the room, making all sorts of possible trouble for him. As it was, the people of the house were none the wiser for the trespass of the golf ball.—London Mail.

No More Tarts!

It was bad enough when we lost the secret of how the pyramids were made, and now the Manchester Guardian raises a warning cry that we are about to lose the key to another of mankind's achievements rare. The war, it is said, wiped out the art of the Babu, the Flamande, the eclaire. When rationing forbade pastry, 20,000 apprentices left the trade in France, and while making mud pies in the trenches, they quite forgot how to flute icings, and combine creams and almond paste into the gateaux and tarts that made the pastry cooks of Paris famous. Whatever will the children do?

England Turns to Spanish.

A society craze for things Spanish seems to be rampant in England. Two Spanish plays are running in London and Spanish singers and dancers are in great demand. Many fashionable women are wearing the high Spanish comb and one sees tentative attempts at the mantilla, or mantilla effects. All the new fashionable dances are said to show distinct leanings toward Spanish interpretation.

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CHOLERA AND FAMINE CAUSE MANY DEATHS

By Charles Eward Hogue (United Press Correspondent) Chengtu, Szechuen Provincial Capital, China (by Mail).—Hundreds of bodies strewn on the streets, with carrying coolies falling dead while they attempt to bear caskets to the grave mounds, are some of the gruesome sights to be seen in Chengtu today.

Cholera has stricken this, the richest province in all China, and its widespread disaster is directly chargeable to the militaristicickerings which have seized this ancient nation, to the verge of disaster. With eight military factions engaged in outwarring, Szechuen province is in dire straits. Cities have been violated, residents outraged and the country districts thrown into such a state of panic that the farmers are afraid to bring their produce to the markets because of the menace of the roving bands of soldiery.

Foreign medical men took up the fight against cholera when it became epidemic and made fair headway toward controlling the disease. Then the Southern army invaded the province and the Szechuenese army divided into many groups of warring factions.

The populace became so frightened that the health regulations imposed by the foreigners were ignored and soon the death list here alone mounted as high as 1,000 persons daily.

In the meantime a political movement of grave portent is on foot. Lu Chao, head of the military organization known as the Fifth Division, has taken charge of the capital city as military governor. In the meantime, Hsueh Keh-Wu, who was driven from the post by Lu in July, has gone southward to join forces with Liu Tsen-hou, who he drove out of the office two years ago by force of arms. Now the pair of former enemies are uniting in a common cause against Lu Chao.

Estimates have been made that at least \$200,000,000 must be raised to relieve the present famine situation.

WILL TEST WATER-DIVINING

French Government to Try Plan in Effort to Locate Precious Fluid in the Sahara.

The government of France has decided to test the value of water-divining in its African colonies, and an impressive expert committee comprising geologists and surveyors, as well as diviners, has been appointed to apply the magic rod to the Sahara. Since Moses first struck water from the rock the question of divining has been a moot one, and the world is no less credulous of its results in this age than in ancient days. The "dowsing" had a great vogue in England in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, especially in Cornwall, where numerous learned works attest his prowess in finding metals under the earth. But even latterly "dowsing" for water has been attended with such success that science has had to explain the drooping of the forked hazel twig in the "dowsers" hands by such theories as that "certain people possess a supernatural perceptive faculty," and that the twisting of the branch indicated a "mental disturbance in the dowsing which is beyond the scope of conscious perception." We can well imagine that whether the twig or the man be the agent in the matter the French gov-

ernment will be well rewarded for their experiment in dowsing on a large scale if an extra oasis or two be added to the Sahara. "Falling that, the world will doubtless come yet to the more complete and imaginative plan, which has from time to time been mooted, of tipping the water of the Mediterranean into the great desert by means of a canal.—Manchester Guardian.

Truly an Enchantress.

A writer, of her times describes Mary, Queen of Scots as follows: "Other women might have the same smooth, open brow; the same chiseled features and penciled eyebrows, the same delicate chin and white, full lips, soft, hazel eyes, and the rich, dark, chestnut hair; but where was the woman in Europe whose glance, like hers, raised from under those sweeping eyelashes, found its way straight to the heart, whose smile seemed at once to entreat aid, to command, to extort obedience and bestow reward, like sunlight penetrating the coldest object and warming and brightening all within its sphere?"

Engines of Peace.

One of the surprises of the great war, a disastrous and effective one, was the heavy artillery of the central powers. One of the great producing centers was the Skoda works in Pilsen, Bohemia. The siege mortars turned out by these works were terrible weapons, but now these works are ready to make from 200 to 250 locomotives annually.

BRITISH HEALTH MINISTRY IS PROTECTING INFANCY

For the protection of maternity and infancy last year the British Ministry of Health made grants totaling over two and one-half million dollars, according to information received by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

Six years ago the necessity was recognized of providing medical and nursing care for mothers and babies in order to reduce the high death rates. The first year a small appropriation was granted but the results obtained were so encouraging that the appropriations have been greatly increased each year.

The funds are administered by the

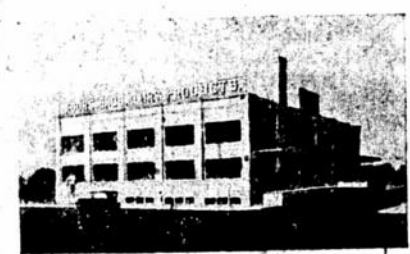
Ministry of Health in cooperation with local authorities. The local authorities appropriate a sum equal to the amount granted by the government. The service available includes instruction in the hygiene of maternity and infancy, midwifery and maternity nursing, and hospital and maternity home care.

In commenting upon the results of the work done in England for the public protection of maternity and infancy, Dr. Christopher Addison, Minister of Health, says: "The development of the services through the country in nursing, midwifery and other facilities, and the combination of the whole big effort, has been to reduce the infant mortality rate in 29 years from 151 to 78. If we had had that figure during the last 10 years of 250,000 lives in that period, it would have meant the saving of 250,000 lives."

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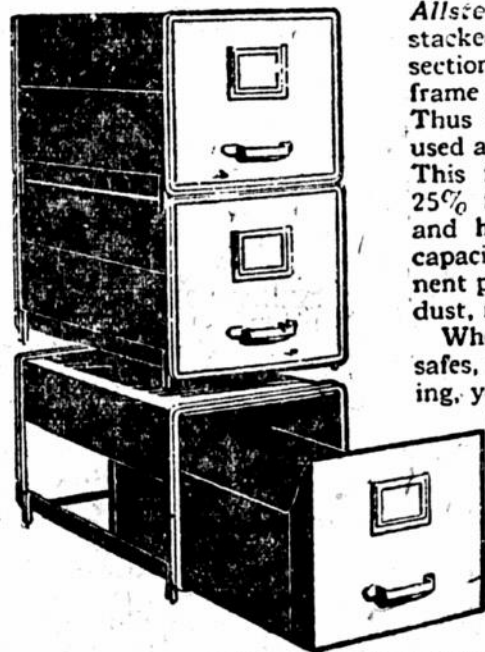
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